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"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD POVERTY."

Strike lines 16 to 40, inclusive, in their entirety, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) The plan shall contain: (1) An identification and analysis of the occurrence of child poverty in the state, (2) an analysis of the long-term effects of child poverty on children, their families and their communities, (3) an analysis of costs of child poverty to municipalities and the state, (4) an inventory of state-wide public and private programs that address child poverty, (5) the percentage of the target population served by such programs and the current state funding levels, if any, for such programs, (6) an identification and analysis of any deficiencies or inefficiencies of such programs, and (7) procedures and priorities for implementing strategies to achieve a fifty per cent reduction in child poverty in the state by June 30, 2014. Such procedures and priorities shall include, but not be limited to, (A) vocational training and placement to promote career progression, for parents of children living in poverty, (B) educational opportunities,

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17 including higher education opportunities, and advancement for such parents and children including, but not limited to, preliteracy, literacy 18 19 and family literacy programs, (C) housing for such parents and 20 children, (D) day care and after-school programs and mentoring 21 programs for such children and for single parents, (E) health care 22 access for such parents and children including access to mental health 23 services and family planning, (F) treatment programs and services for 24 such parents and children, and (G) accessible childhood nutrition 25 programs."